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Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER : The Hon. Minister said that the intention of the mob was to do mischief. Was any mischief done, was any property of the police station damaged and was the firing resorted to to defend property or in self-defence?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : All the records were thrown about and some records were torn. One of the persons caught hold of the Sub-Inspector and tore off the left sleeve of his shirt. Another person gave a blow to a police constable with a stick which caused a bleeding injury to him.

* 2909 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Superintendent of Police, Malabar, received complaints in February–March 1955 against the indifferent attitude of the Mannarghat Police in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district, in dealing with the crimes committed by an organized gang headed by one K. D. Kunchunni in and around Pulappatta village; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No complaints were received by the Government. A pseudonymous petition on the subject, purporting to be from the public of Mannarghat station limits was received by the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar district, on 17th February 1955.

(*b*) The petition was enquired into and suitable action taken by the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar district.

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : The K.D. whose name is given in the question and who was responsible for a series of crimes, was actually in the custody of the Head constable and the Head constable allowed him to escape. Have the Government any information on this point and, if not, will they make an enquiry?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : When the Head constable was questioned, he said that the person in his custody was not this particular K.D. but only his brother. On enquiry it was found that it was false and action was taken against him.

Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know the nature of crimes said to have been committed by this person and the action taken against him?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : He is accused of dacoity and he is a proclaimed offender. He is still absconding.

Local Fund Hospital at Gingee

* 2910 *Q.*—Sri A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that an additional building is under construction for the Local Fund Hospital at Gingee in the South Arcot district under the Local Development Scheme; and

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(b) whether any public contribution for the work was received, and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The work relating to the construction of an emergency ward in the Local Fund Hospital at Gingee is under execution.

(b) A contribution of Rs. 2,500 (rupees two thousand and five hundred only) was received from the public.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR : பொதுமக்களிடமிருந்து எவ்வளவு பணம் வசூல் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது? யார் வசூல் செய்தார்கள்? அதில் எவ்வளவு பணம் சர்க்கார் கணக்கில் செலுத்தப்பட்டது?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : பொதுமக்களிடமிருந்து 2,500 ரூபாய் வசூல் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

Retrenchment in the Government Thermal station, Madurai

* 2911 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that 105 workers employed in the Government Thermal Station at Madurai were retrenched in the month of May 1955; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the short notice starred question by Sri K. P. Gopalan on the subject answered on the floor of the House on 27th August 1955.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : [கேஸில் சம்பந்தப்பட்டவர்கள் 37 பேர்கள்தான். ஆனால் 105 தொழிலாளர்கள் வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் எல்லோரும் மூன்று, நான்கு வருஷ சர்விஸ் உடையவர்கள். ஆனால் அவர்களை வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்கிவிட்டு, ஆகஸ்டு மாதத்தில்கூட அனுபவம் எதுவும் இல்லாத முப்பது பேர்களை வேலைக்கு எடுத்திருப்பதாகத் தெரிகிறது. ஆகவே வேலை இருந்தால் இந்தக் கேஸில் சம்பந்தப்படாதவர்களுக்காவது உடனடியாகக் கொடுக்கும்படி என்ஜினியர்களுக்கு உத்திரவிடுவார்களா?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்கியது அவர்கள் எல்லோரும் அந்தக் கேஸில் சம்பந்தப்பட்டவர்கள் என்ற காரணத்திற்காக அல்ல. அந்த ஸ்டேஷன் வேலை செய்யவில்லையாதலால்தான் நீக்கப்பட்டார்கள். வேலை செய்ய ஆரம்பித்தவுடன் அவர்களையே எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்போவதாகவும் என்ஜினியர் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார்.

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : On a point of order, Sir. May I know what happens to my question No. 2912?

MR. SPEAKER : I have already said that the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport is not present and that his questions will be taken up at the next meeting day.

(* 2912 *Q.*—Postponed.)